



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/812,672
Applicant : COLE, *ET AL.*
Filed : MARCH 30, 2004
Title : THERAPEUTIC METHODS, DEVICES AND COMPOSITIONS USING
COMBINATIONS OF NATURALLY OCCURRING ELEMENTS

Art Unit : 1616
Examiner : ARNOLD, ERNST V.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.115

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.115, Applicants respectfully request that: (1) the above application for which a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being concurrently filed herewith be amended as indicated below; (2) these amendments be considered before calculating the filing fee for the concurrently filed RCE for the above application; and (3) action on the merits be taken with respect to the pending claims, as amended, in the above application.

This preliminary amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action (made FINAL) mailed April 10, 2007 for the above application, the period of response to which is set to expire on July 10, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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